Milwaukee: Rescuers join forces in Wisconsin

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humanity of the mother!

March 10, 1990, Milwaukee, WI—the following day, 105 people returned to Metropolitan and sat in front of the doors. They were flanked by 150 picketers and about a dozen sidewalk counselors.

Within thirty minutes, again, they decided to close. Two days in a row of no legal murder at 27th and Wisconsin Avenue! Half of the rescuers were immediately pulled and sent down to Affiliated at Plankinton and Wells—shuttled there in picketers vehicles. Once again, the police were there in full force, with a police line around the front public sidewalk of the building: an eerie symbol of the State's support and protection of child-killers. The rescuers slid under the line, crawled past the police and secured the doors.

Slowly, more and more rescuers were pulled from Metropolitan and sent to Affiliated. Rescuers at Affiliated reported that just as it looked like the police would clear the door, more rescuers would arrive from Metropolitan! In the end, only three Rescuers were arrested at Metropolitan and the killer never even showed up.

At Affiliated, 116 people were arrested. Among them, two police officers wives, several pastors and several pastor's wives, and a Catholic priest, Rev. Bill Kurz. Several picketers had also decided to sit in front of the doors as they saw them close to being cleared.

Once arrested, most rescuers were conveyed to the 5th Precinct station and some were taken to the City Jail downtown. By and large, the rescuers went limp throughout processing. The purpose—to identify with the preborn children.

The night before, at the "See Their Humanity, Milwaukee" Pre-Rescue Rally, Pastor Matt Trewhella challenged the people to stand with the children by staying in jail for the weekend. The purpose being, to take on, in a small way, some of the injustice the children have coming to them everyday. "We are saying to the State, 'look, if you take my body out from in front of a door where they want to murder children, then you are going to have to keep my body. You can just take the baby's body and throw it in the garbage and be done with it, but if you take my body, you're going to have to keep it,'" said Pastor Matt. "Tell me, what right do we have to live a normal life when an entire class of people in our society is suffering such a gross injustice?" he added.

The "death-principle" from John 12:24 was shared with everyone, including examples of how the Rescue movement grew from 39 people willing to die in an Atlanta jail and from the historically true film called Glory.

The rescuers were totally non-cooperative, standing with the children. All told, 89 rescuers stayed as long as they could on Saturday and 30 stayed for the weekend. In the jail, two rescuers saved the life of a prisoner who had a seizure, and 15 prisoners gave their lives to Jesus! There is absolutely no Christian outreach allowed in the jail, so the only way to reach the prisoners is to join them. Three of the rescuers were given citations for—if you can believe it—"loitering in jail" because they refused to leave!

Many people reported that on Sunday, for the first time, their pastors mentioned Operation Rescue from their pulpits, prayed for the jailed rescuers and challenged their people that they must begin to do something!

Surely a grain of wheat has fallen to the ground. ■

(Editor's Note: Three babies were confirmed saved on the first day; one on the second.)

Civil Law and Criminal Law: What's the difference?

Rescue work involves both civil law and criminal law. Since most rescuers are not lawyers it is easy to become confused. Some of the key differences between the two are listed below.

	Criminal	Civil
Parties	The parties are designated plaintiff (the one who initiates the suit and who seeks the aid of the court to redress damages he suffers) and defendant (the alleged offender). In civil cases the victim is a particular person or group, rather than society as a whole.	The two parties are the state (represented by the prosecuting attorney) and the defendant. Even though the crime victim case may have been an individual, society as a whole is seen as a victim and the state takes on the task of prosecution.
The Offense	The offense consists of a violation of a statue (law). Some criminal charges brought against us have been trespassing, disorderly conduct, and unlawful assembly.	The offense consists of damage done to the plaintiff. For example, you pay your plumber but his negligent work ruins your carpets. You sue for the damages suffered.
Procedure	The defendant is entitled to a jury trial (though he may choose a trial before a judge). The state must prove the guilt of the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.	The civil process may or may not involve a trial. The standard for conviction is a preponderance of evidence. Effectively this means less proof is required to convict the defendant.
Fifth Amendment	A defendant is not required to testify against himself: he can plead the fifth amendment.	If you invoke the fifth amendment right of not testifying against yourself the judge can make a negative inference (i.e. assume you have something to hide or have some guilt). For some questions you can be compelled to testify. ■

"TELL THE TRUTH: Rally for Life '90" Video Documents Crowd Size

Video Footage Shows 500,000 — Disputes 60,000 News Media Figure

WASHINGTON, DC — Attracting more than a half-million people, the largest pro-life rally in American history is sweeping the nation as hundreds of thousands of grass-roots Americans take the message by video back to their local communities.

This National Right to Life Committee rally, officially called "Rally For Life '90", featured such well known pro-life speakers as President George Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle, Dr. John Willke, Dr. James Dobson, Rep. Henry Hyde, and scores of celebrities, entertainers, elected officials, and religious leaders.

"TELL THE TRUTH: Rally for Life '90," the official video of this historic event, is now available. The video is produced by American Portrait Films International (APFI), the world's largest producer and distributor of pro-life films and videos.

"It'll be a timeless memorial of the largest gathering ever assembled to stop abortion," says APFI President John Hocevar. "But pro-lifers will also be able to use it as an effective mobilization tool."

"This inspirational video celebrating life is for rally attendees, as well as the millions of pro-lifers who could not attend," says Ray Jeske, vice-president of public affairs for APFI. "It also tells the truth about the crowd size which the news media intentionally underestimated.

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